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Subject: FW: Please confirm: Tentative assignment of SEPW QFRs
Attachments: SEPW_04-28-2021 ALL Regan QFR's.docx; Scientific Integrity (Corrected Links)

Ed, Mike and ShaRon,

We received the SEPW QFRs from Khanh. She said the official request email will be sent soon. I'm assuming the deadline will be in the email. Meanwhile, I pulled out the OPP questions and noted the assigned the divisions. I can check with the divisions about preparing a response.

Thoughts?

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Thanks Khanh. OPP can cover the QFRs below.

Senator Markey:

1. Recent testing documented the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in a pesticide product sprayed across Massachusetts. Follow-up tests by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that at least nine PFAS chemicals were leaching from the PFAS-coated plastic containers in which the pesticide product was stored. This disturbing incident highlights serious concerns about the ubiquity of PFAS and their prevalence throughout our supply chains.
 - a. When will the EPA designate PFAS as a hazardous substance? OPP/BEAD/RD
 - b. How is the EPA working to phase out the nonessential use of PFAS? OPP/BEAD/RD - Note:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) OPPT to review.
2. Approximately 144,000 genetically engineered mosquitos are set to be released in the Florida Keys over the coming weeks. Residents and scientists have expressed concern over the lack of environmental and health reviews and independent scientific analysis, as well as the absence of EPA regulations for the use of genetically engineered insects.

- a. Will the EPA rescind the permit to release genetically engineered mosquitoes until after developing new regulations, convening a Scientific Advisory Panel, and deploying caged trials?
OCSPP – OPP/BPPD

Ranking Member Capito:

1. On March 10, 2021, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OSCPP) Acting Assistant Administrator Michal Freedhoff sent an email to the OCSPP staff and provided three alleged examples of political interference that compromised the integrity of EPA science. The Agency has a formal process associated with the EPA Scientific Integrity Policy for conducting reviews of scientific integrity violations and issues formal determinations at the conclusion of the process.
 - a. Was this formal process completed for each of the three examples prior to the March 10th email being sent? – **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (see attached) - RD
 - b. Please identify any other examples you are aware of and whether the formal process has been completed for them.

Senator Inhofe:

1. Administrator Regan, there are a number of measures that we must take to eradicate the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccinations are an important and effective measure against the virus but there are additional measures that can be utilized to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including through long-lasting disinfectants. Long-lasting disinfectants minimize the required number of regular disinfectant applications, thereby reducing the potential negative health impacts that come from over application of regular disinfectants. Allied BioScience (ABS), a biotech firm, created “SurfaceWise2”, which is a continuously active antiviral surface coating that kills viruses, including SARS-CoV-2. Accordingly, ABS has submitted an application for nationwide use of the product under the standard authority laid out in Section 3 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). If approved for use, Americans would have access to a long-lasting disinfectant that has been approved by EPA for residual efficacy of up to 30-days. When do you expect the final Section 3 approval process to be completed?
– OPP/AD
 - a. Are there any steps you can take to expedite the regulatory review process? **OPP/AD**
 - b. And will you please keep my staff updated on EPA’s review and actions related to this application? **OPP/AD**

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Hi Darlene and Alison,

Hope you had a relaxing weekend!

I've just received an advanced copy of the SEPW QFRs. I've highlighted those to be assigned to OCSPP, some are joint ORD/OCSPP.

Could you please: 1) take a look at confirm that they have the correct NPM, 2) indicate whether OPP or OPPT to take the lead on those, and 3) indicate others that should be assigned to OCSPP or that we should review the response.

Could you please send your markup by 11am tomorrow before OCIR/OCFO finalize their instruction memo.

Thanks for your help

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